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Burmaster awards grants to support gifted and talented programs

MADISON—Fourteen grants totaling \$273,000 will help identify gifted and talented students and train their teachers to provide challenging programming to meet their needs.

In announcing the awards, State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster called the grant proposals valuable programming for Wisconsin's students. "Gifted and high potential youth need challenges that help them extend their understanding, develop their talents, and keep them engaged in their own learning," she said.

The 14 grants ranged from \$5,750 to \$25,000 and went to the state's cooperative educational service agencies, non-profit organizations, and Milwaukee Public Schools. Grants encourage innovative strategies to identify and serve high potential students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Proposals will provide staff development for teachers relating to gifted education, offer challenging course work through technological means such as distance learning, and provide services to gifted and talented students who are economically disadvantaged or who have disabilities or limited-English proficiency.

Grant awards went to

- CESA 2, *Leveraging Learning: Continuing the Process to Meet the Needs of Gifted and Talented Students*, \$16,100;
- CESA 3, *Gifted and Talented Program*, \$11,615;
- CESA 4, *Western Wisconsin Initiative for Gifted and Talented Education*, \$12,880;
- CESA 5, *CESA 5 Gifted and Talented*, \$25,000;
- CESA 7, *CESA 7 Gifted Education Programming for Students and Educators*, \$18,583;
- CESA 9, *Gifted and Talented Students Education Program*, \$25,000;

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- CESA 10, *CESA 10 Gifted and Talented Coordinators Network*, \$5,750;
- CESA 11, *CESA 11 Gifted and Talented Consortium*, \$24,814;
- Milwaukee Public Schools, *The Gifted and Talented Expansion Program*, \$25,000;
- Ripon College and Ripon Education Foundation, *Advancing Leadership in Rural Communities*, \$24,633;
- Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted, *Reinvigorating Gifted Education in Wisconsin*, \$25,000;
- Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, *District Cooperative Online Program and Early Screening and Programming for High Ability Low-Income Students*, two grants for a total of \$33,625; and
- Wisconsin Foundation for School Music, *Identifying Gifted Students in Music*, \$25,000.

“It is important that our schools identify and provided services to gifted and talented students, especially those from under-represented groups, so these young people can achieve their full potential,” Burmaster said.

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